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INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE ECONOMIC REHABILITATION OF ANGOLA

Report of the Second Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 20 September 1991, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of the forty-sixth session the item entitled "International assistance for the economic rehabilitation of Angola" and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee considered the item, together with the following questions:

"Report of the Economic and Social Council: Critical humanitarian situation in the Horn of Africa", under item 12;

"International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction", under item 83;

"Special economic and disaster relief assistance:

(a) Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Coordinator;

(b) Special programmes of economic assistance", under item 84;

"Emergency assistance for the economic and social rehabilitation of Liberia", under item 91.

3. The cluster of items was considered at the 26th to 29th meetings, on 31 October and 1 November. Action on item 85 was taken at the 42nd and 52nd meetings, on 15 and 27 November. An account of the Committee's general discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/46/SR.26-29, 42 and 52). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 3rd to 9th meetings, from 1 to 4 October 1991 (A/C.2/46/SR.3-9).

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following document:

Report of the Secretary-General on international assistance for the economic rehabilitation of Angola (A/46/396).

5. At the 26th meeting, on 31 October, introductory statements were made by the Director General for Development and International Economic Cooperation and the Under-Secretary-General for Special Political Questions, Regional Cooperation, Decolonization and Trusteeship (see A/C.2/46/SR.26).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.2/46/L.49

6. At the 42nd meeting, on 15 November, the representative of Brazil, also on behalf of Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cape Verde, the Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Comoros, the Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Egypt, Ethiopia, France, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Italy, Kenya, Lesotho, the Libyan Arab Jamihiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mozambique, Namibia, Nicaragua, Niger, Panama, Peru, Portugal, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Swaziland, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United Republic of Tanzania, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia and Zimbabwe, subsequently joined by Argentina, Belgium, Côte d'Ivoire, Spain, Suriname, Turkey and Vanuatu, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/45/L.49) entitled "International assistance for the economic rehabilitation of Angola".

7. At the 52nd meeting, on 27 November, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Bozorgmehr Ziaran (Islamic Republic of Iran), reported on the informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.49.

8. The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

9. Before the adoption of the draft resolution the representative of Angola made a statement.

10. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.49 without a vote (see para. 11).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

11. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

International assistance for the economic rehabilitation of Angola

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 45/233 of 21 December 1990 regarding international assistance for the economic rehabilitation of Angola,

Recalling Security Council resolutions 387 (1976) of 31 March 1976, 475 (1980) of 27 June 1980, 628 (1989) of 16 January 1989 and other resolutions of the Council regarding international assistance for the economic rehabilitation of Angola, in which, inter alia, the international community was requested to render assistance to Angola,

Deeply concerned about the serious economic situation in Angola,

Concerned that the drought which ravaged the central and south portions of the country has taken thousands of human lives and caused great suffering, which is still being felt,

Taking into consideration the determined efforts that have been made by all parties concerned, which, with the signing of the Peace Accords for Angola, pave the way for economic and social rehabilitation of Angola,

Conscious of the need for greater engagement on the part of the international community in rendering assistance for the economic rehabilitation of Angola,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General concerning international assistance for the economic rehabilitation of Angola 1/ and welcomes with appreciation the support given up until now;

2. Welcomes the signing of the Peace Accords for Angola, which have created political conditions for the economic and social rehabilitation of Angola;

3. Expresses its appreciation to the international community for the emergency humanitarian assistance rendered to Angola through the Special Relief Programme for Angola, and appeals for generous contributions for the continuation of the Programme in 1992;

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4. Reiterates its appeal to the international community to continue to render material, technical and financial assistance necessary to the economic rehabilitation of Angola;

5. Requests the Secretary-General, in cooperation with the international community, to continue to mobilize organizations and organs of the United Nations system in order to increase the level of economic assistance for Angola;

6. Also requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session on the implementation of the present resolution;

7. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-seventh session the item entitled "International assistance for the economic rehabilitation of Angola".